

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Hales Franciscan High School, a Catholic,  
3 all-male, college prep school serving over 300 students, was  
4 founded in 1962 by the Archdiocese of Chicago and the  
5 Franciscan fathers to serve the African-American community  
6 and is celebrating its 40th Anniversary; and

7 WHEREAS, Since 1963, over 90 percent of Hales  
8 Franciscan's graduates have gone on to college and are  
9 presently working as judges, doctors, teachers,  
10 entrepreneurs, lawyers, military officers, actors, business  
11 executives, governmental appointees, media personalities, and  
12 in a host of other professional and labor capacities; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1985, Hales Franciscan was recognized by the  
14 U. S. Department of Education as one of the outstanding high  
15 schools in the United States for having produced a  
16 Presidential Scholar and numerous National Merit Scholars;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Since 1993, Hales Franciscan High School has  
19 operated as a Catholic High School, governed by a lay board  
20 of committed volunteers and supported by tireless efforts of  
21 administrators, faculty, priest, alumni, coaches, and  
22 committed parents; and

23 WHEREAS, Under the administration of Bob Anderson,  
24 President, and Bernard Murray, Principal, the school remains  
25 a beacon of hope in the Bronzeville community located on the  
26 southside of Chicago in the State of Illinois; and

27 WHEREAS, On Saturday, March 15, 2003, Hales Franciscan  
28 became the first Chicago area Class A school since 1985 to  
29 capture the boys basketball championship, exactly 10 years  
30 after Hales' second place finish in the 1993 Class A boys  
31 basketball tournament; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3           we recognize Hales Franciscan High School as one of the  
4           outstanding high schools in the State of Illinois; and be it  
5           further

6           RESOLVED, That we congratulate the boys basketball team  
7           of Hales Franciscan High on winning the State Class A boys  
8           basketball championship; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
10          presented to Bob Anderson, President, Bernard Murray,  
11          Principal, and each of the members and coaches of the Hales  
12          Franciscan High boys basketball team as a token of our  
13          respect and esteem.